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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1891.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.
Authorized Capital £1,000,000
Subscribed Capital £500,000
Head Office—Hongkong.

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THE Head Office now receives Money on
deposit and makes advances on Goods in
neutral Godowns, and upon other securities, on
terms to be had on application.

Hongkong, 27th August, 1891. [1166]

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK
CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL £500,000.

LONDON: Head Office, 40, Threadneedle Street;
West End Office, 25, Cockspur Street;

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN
AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives MONEY ON DEPOSIT,
Buys and Sells BILLS OF EXCHANGE,
ISSUES LETTERS OF CREDIT, forwards BILLS for
COLLECTION, and Transacts Banking and
Agency Business generally, on terms to be had
on application.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:
Fixed for 12 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.
6 " 3 " " 2 "

ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS
2 per Cent. per Annum on the Daily Balance.

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager. [10]

Insurances.

THE EAST AND WEST R.D.
A SCOTTISH LIFE OFFICE OF 64 YEARS,
STANDING, AND ONE OF THE WEALTHIEST
AND MOST PROGRESSIVE OF THE PROV-
IDENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNITED
KINGDOM.

THE Standard has a long record of good
services to refer to; its Funds, annually
increasing, amount to £7,000,000. The
Premiums are moderate; and all modern features
consistent with safety have been adopted.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong.

SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE
INSURANCE COMPANY OF
NEW ZEALAND.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept
FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCES on
favourable terms.

Current rates and a guaranteed Bonus equal
to that paid by the local Offices.

GEORGE R. STEVENS & Co.,
Agents.

No. 2, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 31st March, 1891. [1164]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED £1,000,000.

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1891. [1165]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000; £83,333.33.
EQUAL TO £83,333.33.
RESERVE FUND £10,000.00.

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LEE SING, Esq. LO YEK MOON, Esq.

LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,
Hongkong, 17th December, 1891. [1173]

Hotels.

THE SHAMEEN HOTEL,
BRITISH CONCESSION, CANTON.

THIS FIRST CLASS HOTEL, admirably
situated within a few minutes walk of the
River Steamer Wharves, is now open to receive
Visitors.

The Bed-rooms are cool, airy and comfortably
furnished, and the spacious Dining Room, Sitting
Rooms, and accommodation generally will be
found equal to the best Hotels in the Far East.

The Table D'Hôte is supplied with every
luxury in season, and the cuisine is in expert-
enced hands.

Wines, Spirits, Malt Liquors, etc., of the best
quality only.

A WELL APPOINTED BILLIARD-ROOM,
A. F. DO ROZARIO,
Manager.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1891. [1185]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

WE have this day established a BRANCH
of our Firm in Amoy, and have authorized
Mr. FRANCIS CASS to sign as Agent.
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, 10th October, 1891. [1290]

To be Let.

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

TO LET.

AT KOWLOON.

A FEW ROOMS in KNOTSFORD TER-
RACE containing 5 Rooms each and
Bath-rooms. Tennis Courts. Healthy situation,
Cheap Rent.

Apply to

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT
& AGENCY Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 6th August, 1891. [1080]

TO LET.

HOUSES at the Peak, and at "BELLIOS
TERRACE" and "BEACONFIELD
ARCADE," Queen's Road.

HOUSE No. 3, "BALL'S COURT," Bonham
Road.

GODDONS in Duddell Street.

HOUSE No. 31, "WEST VILLA" Pok-fu-lum
Road.

GODDONS or OFFICES, First Floor at back
of "MARINE HOUSE."

BUNGALOW, "DELMAL," Yau-ma-tee.

Apply to

BELLIOS & Co.

Hongkong, 12th October, 1891. [1305]

TO LET.

SHOP in Pedder's Street, presently occupied
by Mr. HAHN.

Also

4 ROOMS on First Floor, Suitable for offices.

Apply to

CRUICKSHANK & Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1891. [1035]

TO LET.

BAHAR LODGE, THE PEAK.

R. B. LOT No. 59.

THIS desirable residence with Gas laid on
to be Let Furnished or Unfurnished.

Apply to

HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND
AGENCY Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1891. [710]

TO LET.

COOKING STOVES, all sizes.

Also

DRYING-ROOM STOVES, all sizes.

KEROSENE OIL STOVES FOR DRYING-ROOM and COOKING,
made by the best Makers.

LAMPS and LAMP SUNDRIES of every description.

W. POWELL & CO.

Intimations.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

IMPORTERS OF

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS

Packed by CROSSE, BLACKWELL & Co., Phillips and Canafield and other 1st class packers.

A FULL STOCK OF FRESH STORES ALWAYS ON HAND.

A REVISED PRICE LIST will be issued on October 1st, 1891, attention is called to the

NEW SCALE OF PRICES.

Priced Lists and Pass-books sent, post free, to any address.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

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DAKIN'S
PURE VOLATILE
EUCALYPTUS OIL,
DISTILLED FROM
THE LEAVES OF SELECTED
SPECIES OF THE EUCALYPTUS.

EUCALYPTUS OIL has long taken a prominent place as a "household remedy" in Australia. When applied externally it has a powerful stimulating and soothing action, but does not blister the most sensitive skin, and no application known will so quickly subdue the pain of muscular rheumatism.

Taken internally in small doses, it acts as a powerful stimulant and antispasmodic, whilst its secondary action induces sleep.

The penetrating agreeable vapor of the Oil is sedative, and when inhaled relieves Asthma, Bronchitis, Catarrh and Sore Throat.

It is also a most powerful antiseptic and germicidal, being three times as effectual as Carbolic Acid in preventing development of Bacteria, its uses in this direction being very numerous.

The active properties of the Oil depend upon a Terpene called Eucalyptol, and we guarantee this Oil, prepared especially for us, to contain the largest obtainable percentage of Eucalyptol and twice that of the ordinary Eucalyptus Oil of commerce.

It can be used with great benefit in all Throat and Lung Ailments, and its powerful stimulating properties make it an invaluable application in Neuralgia, Rheumatism, &c., whilst its powerful antiseptic and germicidal action is well exhibited as a dressing in Wounds, Ulcers, Burns, Scalds, Sores, Ringworm, &c.

Dakin's specially refined Oil is sold in a oz. and 4 oz. bottles at 6s and 1s.

Full Directions for use enclosed with each bottle.

CAUTION.

Inferior samples of Eucalyptus Oil distilled from any kind of Eucalyptus leaf have little or no medical action and should be carefully avoided.

Nos. 22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

VEGETABLE

AND

FLOWER

SEEDS,

SEASON 1891-92.

PER S.S. "SHANGHAI."

WE have received our second supplies of FRESH GARDEN SEEDS,

and we are now executing all orders for the same. Complete Catalogues with concise directions for sowing can be obtained on application, or will be posted to any address. In these Catalogues the Seeds are Marginally Numbered in English and Chinese, and when ordering it is quite sufficient to state the numbers of the kinds required.

N.B.—All Seeds are tested on arrival before being sent out.

DISCOUNTS.

Orders from one person, of from \$5 to \$10, allowed 5% discount.

Orders from one person, over \$10 allowed an extra 5% discount.

Narcissus Bulbs (The Chinese Spring Flower).

A supply just received from the North. Early application is requested.

CLAY'S FERTILIZER.

A high class fertilizer for pot plants and for use in the garden generally; it supplies natural nourishment to the soil, and assists the process of assimilation, "thereby aiding the plants to attain to their full size, vigour and beauty."

Sold in Tins containing 10lb each.....\$1.50.

" Bags " 25lb " 4.00.

Directions for use given on the label.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 26th September, 1891.

The Lancashire Plate of 12,000 sovs, distance seven furlongs, run for at Manchester on Sept. 26th resulted as follows:—

Chesher Ginistrelli, b. & f. Signorina, by St. Simon—Star of Portici, 4 yrs., got 13lb. 1 oz.

Duke of Westminster's b. c. Orme, by Ormonde—Angelica, a yrs., 7st 1lb.... 2

Mr. Douglas Baird's b. c. Mortagon, by Bend Or—Tiger Lily, 4 yrs., got 1lb.... 3

MR. GLADSTONE AT NEWCASTLE.

LONDON, October 6th.

The freedom of the city of Newcastle has been conferred on the Right Hon'ble W. E. Gladstone M.P. In a speech, returning thanks for this honour, Mr. Gladstone urged that there was great necessity to adhere to free trade principles.

THE CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON, AND CHINA.

October 6th.

The report of the Chartered Mercantile Bank states that it has been found necessary to make further provision to meet losses in the Straits Settlements and failures in the Eastern trade. The Bank is therefore unable to pay a dividend for the past half year, and it is also necessary to take £125,000 from the reserve fund to provide for these losses. The shares of the Bank have fallen £10.

THE FAMINE IN RUSSIA.

October 7th.

There is a general abnegation among all ranks of society in St. Petersburg, in order that the savings may be given to those persons suffering from famine.

BALFOUR TO LEAD THE COMMONS.

October 13th.

The suggested appointment of Mr. Balfour to the leadership of the House of Commons receives the support of the Conservative paper.

THE RUSSIAN LOAN SHAKY.

The time of application for the Russian loan has been extended one week.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

M. D'ENVER, the French dramatic author, has written 200 plays. He is now a cheerful old man of eighty.

THE Band of the A. and S. Highlanders will play in the Public Gardens, on Monday, the 19th inst., commencing at 8.30 till p.m.

THE number of divorces annually granted in the United States is greater than the sum of the Christian world, Protestant, Catholic, or Greek.

AN emergency meeting of the "Ararat" Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

THE little King of Spain does not know his letters yet, and all mental education has been forbidden him. He is so fragile and puny physically, that the slightest exertion of the mind fatigues him.

PRISONER—"Would your Worship mind hurrying up my case a bit? It's nearly twelve o'clock, and if I am going up for a spell of 'hard,' I'd like to get inside in time for dinner."

Six months, without the option.

MR. WILLARD'S Opera Company performed Planquette's comic opera "Rip Van Winkle" to a rather small audience at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, last night. To-night Sydney Grandy's great farcical comedy "Arabian Nights" will be produced.

A GOA correspondent states that the proceedings against the leaders of the Loyalty party, charged with sedition and disorder in connection with the fatal election disturbances last September, were annulled on Sept. 19th by a full bench of the Goa High Court.

THE depression in Dell is so great, says the Penang *Advertiser*, that some 20,000 coolies have been thrown out of employment, and this fact is looked upon as so serious a light that the authorities are refusing permission to natives to land until they have satisfactorily shown that they are not likely to become paupers at large.

PROBABLY the most remarkable railroad in the world is that running from Gloggnitz to Lourenco, near Vienna. It is only twenty-five miles in length, but cost \$900,000. It begins at an elevation of 1,400 feet, and has its terminus at 15,000 feet. It has fifteen double viaducts, seventeen tunnels, and crosses five fine streams.

WE have, says the New York *World*, about ten millions of people in this country who work very hard, but seldom get a square meal, and we have also foreign capitalists owning over \$10,000,000,000 worth of our industries. Where is the man to publicly assert that conditions such as these are healthy and desirable in a Republic?

"PAPA" inquired a Congressman's little daughter over a French lesson, "what is the French for a 'battle-horse'?" "A war-horse, you mean don't you?" "I guess so, Papa." "Of course, you do, daughter. The French for that is 'A' du combat," and the member stroked his whiskers with prideful dignity and went on with his newspaper.

A CLERGYMAN in England, pleading earnestly with his parishioners for the construction of a cemetery for their parish, asked them to consider the "deplorable condition of 30,000 Englishmen living without Christian burial." Still more curious was another clerical slip. A gentleman said to a minister: "When do you expect to see Deacon S. again?" "Never," said the reverend gentleman, solemnly; "the deacon is in Heaven."

THE was a little mild excitement at the Police Court this morning. A scafing man named John Wyatt, a linear descendant of the patriot of old, had been carrying his ideas of liberty so far in the Sailor's Home last night, and was to-day classed as a common d. and d. He was sentenced to 14 days in the Tower, and on his way from the Court passed within reach of the Sailor's Home, Wapping. To get even, John attacked him violently, and was immediately brought back into the dock and awarded six weeks longer.

A YOUNG woman with delicious blue eyes and brown hair said that "love was heavenly," but then she had only been engaged twenty-four hours, and her experience was limited to a solitaire diamond ring and a bunch of orchids. A little woman who had been married eight years, and who was the proud possessor of two pairs of twins, announced "that love was all very well in its way, and that the first year or two of your married life you were always devotedly found of Chasley, but when it came to real satisfaction give her babies!" A man who really knew what he was talking about, said "that love was like champagne—every fresh glass seemed the best!" while a bachelier of forty-five said, "You know it's very nice to have a little woman fond of you and all that sort of thing, but never allow yourself to get fond of her; you will spoil her."

THE orders of the day at the meeting of the Sailors' Board to be held to-morrow at 4.15 p.m. are as follows:—

Mr. Cawthill will move.—That the Board, in accordance with the information conveyed in the report of the Government Analyst, as to the condition of the Tai-tam and Pok-fu-lam waters, make the following recommendations:—

1.—That the Tai-tam waterworks be supplied with pipes whereby the water from the streams can be carried directly into the conduit as in the case of the Pok-fu-lam works.

2.—That sand of a quality such as the Government Analyst recommends be obtained for the filter-beds.

3.—That the Tai-tam service reservoir be covered over as early as possible.

4.—That a letter be sent to the Honourable Colonial Secretary transmitting the Analyst's report on the whitish appearance of the Tai-tam and Pok-fu-lam waters.

5.—Report having reference to the unhealthiness of a School-house at Stanley.

6.—Mortality Returns for the weeks ended the 3rd and 10th October, 1891.

7.—Application to erect Water-closets in a private residence.

8.—Letter to the Honourable Colonial Secretary.

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considered, and in conjunction with the Raub company we propose that a fixed rate should be levied; in the meantime we make payments in advance. I am glad to be able to say that we receive every attention and encouragement from the officials of Pahang, though I do not think they sufficiently realize the very hard work this company had to undertake in pioneering mining in the state. Mr. Clifford the able Acting Resident has promised all the assistance he can give in furthering our work. It is unfortunate that the state is in such pecuniary difficulties, as nothing is being done towards opening out the country as in the adjoining states, and so aiding any mining enterprises. Before concluding, I would again like to express my extreme satisfaction at the manner in which Mr. Blamey has carried out his duties as our prospector and mining manager, and I only regret that we had not such a man at very much earlier date. Before moving the adoption of the report and accounts, I shall be glad to answer any questions to the best of my ability.

There being no questions the Chairman moved that the report and accounts be adopted. Mr. Holmes seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Chairman said that under the Articles of Association five directors were required, so that they were now one short. He proposed Mr. Fenwick as the new director. Mr. Gillies seconded the proposition which was carried.

Mr. P. D. Cane proposed, Mr. Skeels seconded, and it was agreed that the retiring directors, Messrs. Orange and Woodin, be re-elected.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Parry the retiring auditors, Messrs. Henderson and Lyall, were re-elected.

Mr. Mehta in proposing a vote of thanks to the Chairman said that he wished to very cordially thank Mr. Orange for the able and exhaustive report he had made on the mines and operations of the Company in Pahang. That report had been the outcome of a visit in person on behalf of the shareholders, at great personal inconvenience. It was a very different report from those usually presented, and was a plain and unvarnished tale of what had been done by the Company. Mr. Orange had certainly been at great trouble on their behalf and their best thanks were due to him. A vote of thanks was also due to their representatives in London, for their valuable services in connection with the Pahang Gold Company of London.

Mr. Judah seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Chairman in acknowledging the compliment said that he was very much obliged to them for their very kind remarks and thought that other members of the Board certainly ought to be included. He was only a late comer in the affairs of the Company. Mr. Gillies and Davies had worked from the beginning without any remuneration whatever, and deserved their best thanks.

With regard to the affairs of the Company, it must be a considerable gratification to know that for the last five or six months the Company had been practically paying all its expenses.

It started with \$25,000 of debenture capital.

It had advanced a small amount to the London company. There was now some \$20,000 in hand and also some \$3,000 or \$4,000 in the mines, so that the work had been carried on for about \$5,000.

It was hoped that the next six months would be equally satisfactory. All their hope depended on the unfortunate London Company. Having no money, they could not afford to precipitate matters, and that was why he asked—very thankless office—that they would simply wait, and depend on the exertions of the London Agents. Those gentlemen were not disposed to err on the side of leniency but as soon as ever they could force the money from the other Company they would do so. In conclusion he again thanked them for their expressions of confidence.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

COLONEL STORER, R.E., AND THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH.

To the Editor of the "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." Sir.—Your article in this evening's issue commenting upon Colonel Storer's action in ordering the disconfinement of the Hongkong Telegraph by the Royal Engineers' non-commissioned officer's mess is, if a trifle caustic, nothing beyond what the circumstances of these and similar cases fully justify.

My object in writing to you, however, is not so much to supplement your remarks on this particular case as to sincerely endeavour to induce those in authority over us to treat us a little more like the staid middle-aged men a great many of us are, than like children or imbeciles when we are neither. I, Sir, confidently assert my claim to be as capable of judging between what is right and what is wrong morally, what is orthodox and what is heterodox in religion, and what is prudent and what is preposterous in politics as any officer in this Garrison; and I, Sir, as loyal a soldier as any of them, indignantly repudiate the intellectual capacity of any officer to say what literature I may read and what shall be withheld from me. Have the authorities—heaven help us!—considered the manner of the "goings on" in this Garrison lately the "honesties" would be the more accurate expression—ever read history? Major-General Barker is a scholar, a man who has taught men.

Can he quote one single instance of the ultimate success of a persecution directed against principles, opinions, creeds or doctrines? He cannot. He knows that it is as true as a geometrical definition that persecution is as the very breath of life to intellectual freedom in the widest sense of the term. Surely the futility of attempting to coerce a body of educated, intelligent and responsible men in such a manner as this, must be as apparent as its plifful futility? Our officers not perceive that when they use the mere brute force their superior military rank endows them with to gratify their own idiosyncrasies and personal prejudices and enforce orders that are so manifestly beyond their province, so evidently the outcome of a mere passing fit of childishly vindictive irritability, and that, in the opinion of every non-commissioned officer in this Garrison since Sir, a disposition singularly at variance with that we are taught doth hedge the honour of an officer, a gentleman, and an Englishman, they are using the most effective means of rendering themselves obnoxious and their authority contemptible.

Obedience to such unwise orders is given so grudgingly and is accompanied by language so menacing to discipline in its disrespect, that any officer who permits his private proclivities to influence him so far as to issue such an order, is certainly not fit to occupy a responsible position in the control of men.

Colonel Storer has, it is asserted, been persuaded into countenancing this most unwise order against his better judgment, and those who know him best, most expect of him that he will yet "cry 'peccavi'" and do a graceful, a generous and a just action by rescinding the obnoxious order in regard to the Hongkong Telegraph.

I am, Sir,

Your's etc.,

R. E. MESS.

Hongkong, 14th October, 1891.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

OTTAWA, September 23rd.
A written statement from Mr. Mercier, the Premier of Quebec, has been presented to the Dominion Parliament in which he deplores the assistance by his Political Agent of money from the Railway Company, and declares he knew nothing of this until the revelations at the late official enquiry.

ST. PETERSBURG, September 23th.

A letter has been received stating that the merchants at Nijni Novgorod report a visit to the fair of Afghan traders who are the bearers of a letter from the Amir, urging the development of trade between Russia and Afghanistan.

ALLAHABAD, September 24th.

The only possible meaning of the exclusion of Captain Younghusband and Mr. Davison from the Pamirs is that Russia has annexed the debatable region, which hitherto has been quite open to travellers of all nationalities. The position may at any moment become a critical one, though it is doubtful whether any considerable body of Russ is troops is there.

LONDON, September 26th.

The betrothal of the young King Alexander of Servia to Princess Helene of Montenegro will shortly take place. This engagement is looked upon politically as of importance.

September 27th.

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On the British East Africa Company intimating its intention of withdrawing from Uganda, unless assisted by the Imperial authorities, the Times urges the Government to help the Company by constructing a railway from Mombassa to Nyanza.

Major-General Greenhill and Sir Evelyn Baring, who are at present in England, will start on their return to Egypt on the 9th proximo.

This morning the Peninsular and Oriental steamship Roma, which has just been lengthened at Greenwich, was discovered, be on fire. The state-rooms and other compartments of the vessel were destroyed before the flames were extinguished. The damage, it is estimated, will amount to several thousand pounds.

ZANZIBAR, September 28th.

The Government of Zanzibar will shortly be remodelled. The chiefs of departments will be nominated and a definite budget drawn up. The Executive and Revenue control will be in the hands of English officials.

ST. PETERSBURG, September 29th.

The statement that a treaty between Russia and Persia for a commercial union is being arranged is denied here.

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Quarantine has been imposed at Alexandria on all arrivals from Bombay.

A JINRICKSHA FARM.

Our neighbours in Hongkong have resolved to meet the difficulty of regulating and licensing the jinrickshas traffic by establishing a farm, and the Government are taking the necessary steps to give practical effect to the decision. The Hongkong Daily Press can consider this a step in the right direction, remarking that as under the rules the number of jinrickshas is limited to five hundred, and the work very remunerative, the licenses are at present sold at high premiums by one licensee to another, and therefore that, under the new system, the Government will obtain a larger revenue, and better control over the traffic. As we, too, are interested in the question of licensing and regulating similar traffic in these parts, a similar course to that adopted in Hongkong may seem to the authorities advisable in our case. We however, trust they will do nothing of the sort. We think the resolution of the Hongkong Government a false step. They are creating a fresh monopoly, and monopolies, of any kind, in their essence, bad policy, and only permissible where the governing authority is itself hopelessly at fault and where such a course may be looked upon as the lesser of two evils. We have already far too much of the monopoly system in the East, and to our mind it is something better than a confession of incapacity or admission of baseness in every case in which it is at present permitted. It is a lax and loose method of Government; it is an unnecessary, and therefore wrongful, delegation of functions to private individuals; it sets up a tribe of middlemen who have to make their profit, and so a few private individuals get at the expense of the people by means of a tax which, if extracted from their pockets at all, should pass entirely into that of Government. The opium revenue is a case in point. The Chinese organ, the *Yat-Pan*, shows that while ten millions of dollars roughly are extracted from the pockets of the opium-consuming public by the collection of every contract under this system, but three millions of this sum go into the coffers of Government, the rest going in upkeep and profits to the farmers, which latter have, as a rule, run-away several hundreds of thousands of dollars to several millions. On this jinricksha question, then, we say the Government of Hongkong would have done much better if the competition for the limited number of licenses thought advisable is so keen, to have raised the fee and so have obtained a better revenue, wherefrom, too, a better staff to supervise the traffic could have been paid, and the direct control of the authorities thus still have been maintained. With us the plan is to limit the number, to fix the fee at a proper limit, to license only the vehicles, making the owner responsible for its condition and for the behaviour of the puller as regards traffic regulation, and from the revenue realized to maintain an efficient supervisory staff. It is hopeless to expect the Police to be of any assistance. And the same staff that controls the jinrickshas should supervise the whole of the hawking carriage traffic, and then we should perhaps have fewer hawking races in crowded thoroughfares than the imminent peril of the citizens' persons and property. —Yat-Pan.

MEN AND WOMEN.

The Queen of Italy has a \$2,000 dress. The Princess of Wales has thirteen wigs. Mme. de Lesesps is forty years younger than her husband. Spurgeon's parents were humble people of Dutch extraction.

Tolstoi eats a raw onion on rising. Then he breaks it.

Herbert Spencer, considerably improved in health, is once more hard at work on his philosophy.

The young King of Servia is one of the best educated boys in the country, and at fifteen years old is admitted a master in mathematics. Mrs. Elizabeth-Batty, who died near Elizabeth, N. J., the other week, aged eighty-two years, was a maid of honor at the court of George IV.

The richest man in Philadelphia is A. J. Drexel, who is worth \$25,000,000. The city has 160 millionaires, whose total property foots up over \$400,000,000.

Senator W. D. Washburn of Minnesota, who is said to be the biggest flour-producer in the world, is a Maine man and worked on a farm in that State till he was twenty years old.

Secretary Proctor began his official career as a Selectman. He has passed through about all the grades up to his present position, and now he is going to be a United States Senator.

In eighteen months Miss Kate Smith rose from a \$500 clerkship under Government to one with a \$1,600 salary. She is the only woman chief of division in the service of the U. S. Government.

Ellis Thomson, the Boston electrician, who is regarded as Edison's most formidable rival, is a slender young man of clear-cut features, a small brown mustache, and wavy brown hair.

John Archibald is one of the Standard Oil magnates. He started it as an offiz boy at Titusville a few years ago. Speculated successfully as soon as he got hold of a little money, and is to-day worth \$1,500,000.

Thomas Hughes, of "Tom Brown's School Days" fame, is a fairly successful lawyer, with a practice that brings him in about \$500 a year. But he has a small private fortune, which probably accounts for his not exerting himself to bring about a federation of Central Asia.

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On Monday we had to attend the lynching of Abe Carter, over on the hill. We didn't want to go, but Abe made it a personal matter, declaring that he wouldn't hang unless we were present to kick the barrel away. He died happy.

On Tuesday Jim Cummings sent us word that he would shoot us on sight. Jim is a bad man, but we won't lie. We know he meant business, and we had a plan to get the drop on him. With our usual enterprise and public spirit we got it. Some of the crowd wanted us to finish him, but as he promised to go hence and stay there we let him off.

On Wednesday our esteemed contemporary went out to our private grave-yard and attempted to injure our claim and have something to point to when asked what he had ever done for this community. We didn't want to go, but it consumed valuable time just the same.

On Thursday Colonel Jackson, the founder of the new town of Red Hot, called to see us about a page advertisement. During the misunderstanding over rates he shot us through the thumb of the right hand, and we left two bullets in his leg to be probed for when he got home.

On Friday Major Larkins started to begin a two hours' hunt up and down the hill. He is doing as well as circumstances will permit, and unless inflammation sets in he will recover.

On Saturday fifteen of the cowboys belonging to General Storer's ranch came over to see us. They had several ropes along. When they got here we were off on a fishing excursion. They "piled" the four-page form and shot our gray mule, but did not have as pleasant a time as if we had been home.

The above are our excuses, and such a thing as our coming out on a half-page will probably never be heard of. We shall issue an extra supplement next week to make up for it.

"IT'S DAYO."—We understand that Big Jim Henderson is trying to work up a feeling among the boys against our nomination as Mayor because we insist on pronouncing the word *dayo* as "dayo." We don't do it to put on airs over the rest, but because it comes perfectly natural to us. We lived the first twenty years of our life in Boston, and it comes natural to us to give the French accent to our words, as "Henri" for Henry, "Cholly" for Charley, etc. etc.

We don't believe the boys will go back on us on this account; on the contrary, we think they will rather feel proud of us. It's "dayo" though, whether they stick or slide; and we propose to wear our shirts with the buttons behind even if we never get a vote in a caucus.

Ernest.—Last week we had a local item which we are convinced did an injustice to the general Tomashaw Brown, proprietor of the saloon on Mexico avenue, known as "Murderer's Delight."

The item was to the effect that Mr. Brown had shot old Joe the half-bred, because the latter beat him out of the drink-shaking dice, and we advised the boys to give the shooter a feed of rope. Mr. Brown called upon us yesterday and subscribed for the *Kicker* for one year. He explained that he only shot old Joe to the leg anyhow, and he didn't do that until after he had been called a liar, seven or eight times. We are entirely satisfied that he had any amount of provocation, and we only wonder that he did not shoot the aged Joseph bang through the right lung and kill him on the spot. Mr. Brown's advertisement also appears in this issue. He is one of those go-ahead, enterprising men who believe that advertising pays.

AT LAST.—For over a year past our esteemed contemporary has acted for somebody to shoot him, so that he could get up a great hullabaloo about it and telegraph a big item to the Denver papers. He has abused every man in the town who carries a gun, but the boys only laugh at him. He couldn't even get anybody to sue him for libel. This state of affairs has rankled in his bosom until even his old yellow dog got disgusted with him.

We are always willing to oblige. Knowing how badly our esteemed was banking after a little glory, we gave Mountain Mike half a dollar to go down there the other day and pull a gun on him. The gun was full of water, with a cork drove into the muzzle. Mike had come to have a shot at us, but we soon brought him around to see that he could do us a great favor. He went down, kicked open the shanty door, and uttered a yell. Our esteemed didn't wait for any more. He fell off his chair, rolled out of his back door, and brought up in the brush two miles away. Mike didn't even get the revolver off his hip.

